

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method comprising
moving a web comprising a film through a machine in a direction along a length of the
web,
causing a liquid to pass from a first surface of the web through small holes to a second
surface of the web by applying a vacuum to the second surface of the web, and
inspecting the second surface of the web to detect liquid that has passed from the first
surface of the web through the small holes at the inspection surface,
at least one of the causing and inspecting steps occurring while the web is moving
through the machine.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web comprises a laminate of the
film with another material.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the inspecting is done while the web is
moving through the machine.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the inspecting is done after the web is
removed from the machine.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 in which the liquid is applied to the
first surface from a supply of liquid.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 in which the liquid is applied to the first surface while the web is moving.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 in which the liquid is applied, the vacuum is applied, and the inspection is done while the web is moving.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 in which the liquid is applied to the first surface while the web is moving from a supply end to a take up end of the machine.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 in which the liquid forms a film on the first surface.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 in which the liquid is applied in a film that substantially spans a full width of the first surface.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the liquid contains a colorant.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the small holes comprise pinholes.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the vacuum produces a pressure differential between the first surface and the second surface that is at least as large as a maximum pressure differential between the surfaces that is expected to occur during subsequent processing and use.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein the pressure differential is at least 15% larger than the maximum expected pressure differential.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 in which the second surface is an exposed outer surface of the web.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 in which the first surface and the second surface are disposed to opposite sides of the film layer of the laminate.

17. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which the laminate comprises a long web of fabric.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 in which the inspecting comprises using a machine vision device.

19. (Original) The method of claim 1 also including triggering an alarm upon detection of liquid.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the liquid stains the inspected surface and the inspecting includes observing the stains.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 in which the liquid is applied to the first surface from a dispenser that spans the width of the web.

22. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the vacuum is formed using a nozzle that spans the width of the web.

23. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the liquid comprises water.

24. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the liquid comprises alcohol.

25. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the laminate is formed in the machine.
26. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the inspecting and the applying of the vacuum are performed substantially simultaneously.
27. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the applying of the vacuum and the applying of the liquid are performed substantially simultaneously.
28. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the applying of the liquid and the inspecting are performed substantially simultaneously.
29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the method further comprises, after inspection, rinsing the second surface of the web to reduce staining of the surface.
30. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising, if liquid is detected on the inspected surface, flagging a portion of the web adjacent the location at which the liquid is detected.
31. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein inspection comprises visual inspection by a human.
32. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web is moving through the machine at a speed of at least 10 ft/min.
33. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the laminate comprises a barrier film and one or more porous layers.

34. (Original) The method of claim 33 wherein the porous layer(s) are selected from the group consisting of fabrics, non-wovens, foams, and breathable sheet materials.

35. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising, after inspection, removing residual liquid from the first surface of the web.

36. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising collecting any liquid that is drawn through the web and reusing it.

37. (Original) The method of claim 29 further comprising collecting liquid used to rinse the web and reusing it.

38. (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein said rinsing liquid comprises an alcohol solution.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38 wherein said alcohol solution includes water.

40. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein inspection includes looking for stains on the second surface.

41. (Original) The method of claim 23 in which the liquid further comprises a surfactant.

42. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the liquid comprises a hydrocarbon solvent.

43-63. (Cancelled)